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Lend your voice to our Legislative process! This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the Howard County Council and links to those bills where available. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information and share your comments on Council bills by submitting testimony to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You may also submit testimony in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#).

I hope you find this newsletter informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.



Howard County Council Legislation

The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted.

PREFILED LEGISLATION

All prefiled legislation scheduled to be introduced at next month's legislative session can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

CR53-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property

CB31-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$32,346,180 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations

CR54-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving procedures for the appointment, compensation, and separation of employees of the Howard County Housing Commission.

CR55-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving, in accordance with Section 4.203 of the Howard County Code, the transfer of approximately 0.737 acres of land owned by the Board of Education and located along Banbury Drive to Kellogg-CCP, LLC in exchange for the acquisition of 0.737 acres of land owned by Kellogg-CCP, LLC.

CR56-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION changing a legislative session date for the County Council of Howard County, Maryland.

CR60-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the Board of Education

A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016; transferring \$7,230,000 to the Fixed Charges category, \$1,313,000 to the Maintenance of Plant category, \$175,000 to the Health Services category and \$90,000 to the Student Personnel Services category.

CB23-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for employees; amending certain pay scales; amending certain position titles; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

CB24-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for certain legislative employees; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

CB25-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; amending certain class descriptions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

CB26-2016

therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects which are specified and described in the County's 2017 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

CB32-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,000,000, on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County education capital projects as more particularly described in the County's 2017 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with school facility surcharges and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

CB33-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey approximately 2.99 acres of certain real property owned by the County commonly known as Tax Map 34, Parcel 200, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcel E to the Highland Reserve Homeowners' Association, Inc.; and waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code.

CR57-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2026.

CR58-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to incorporate into the Metropolitan

Introduced by: The Chairperson

AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; amending and adding certain class descriptions; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

CB27-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson

AN ACT specifying the appointing authority for certain executive exempt positions within the legislative branch; and generally relating to executive exempt provisions in the Howard County Code.

CB28-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2017.

CB29-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$125,103,033 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road resurfacing projects, road construction projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, police projects, sewer projects and traffic improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2017 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

CB30-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$45,918,993 on its full faith and credit, and

District a parcel of real property containing approximately 91.2575 acres owned by Maple Lawn Farms, Inc., located at 11621 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland also known as Parcel 113 on Tax Map 46 for Howard County.

CR59-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes.

CR61-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

CR62-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes.

CR63-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities.

CR64-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works.

CR65-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT authorizing additional credits against Watershed Protection and Restoration Fees under specified circumstances; requiring additional information in the annual report; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

CR66-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

CR67-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and

issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2017 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

CR70-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.

CR72-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax.

CR74-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.

administered by the Department of Police.

CR68-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting an amended Schedule of Fees for inspections conducted by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services.

CR69-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for:

- (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan;
- (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card;
- (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board;
- (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee;
- (5) Participation in work release program;
- (6) Participation in home detention program;
- (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs;
- (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services;
- (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and
- (10) Reproduction of public records.

CR71-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

CR73-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2016.

CR75-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey approximately 2.99 acres of certain real property owned by the County commonly known as Tax Map 34, Parcel 200, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcel E to the Highland Reserve Homeowners' Association, Inc.; and waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Legislation below is currently pending and under consideration by the County Council. Action will be taken at the next Legislative Session. More details can be found [online](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR39-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Reginald Thomas Avery to the Commission on Aging.

CR40-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jonathan Gresham to the Recreation and Parks Board.

CR41-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stanley Levi to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.

CR42-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Pollitt-Hill to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.

CR43-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elaine Brown to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

CR44-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Caroline Harper to the Housing and Community Development Board.

CR45-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Shuron Morton to the Board of Social Services.

CR46-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Rogan to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

CR47-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Robert Rossomondo to the Board of Social Services.

CR48-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gary Stewart to the Board of Health.

CR49-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William Stone to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

GENERAL

CB22-2016 (ZRA 161)

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty,
Councilperson at the request of Timothy
Martins

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' Kennels and Pet Grooming Establishments conditional use to permit the use on 40,000 square-foot residential lots under specified conditions; and generally relating to Kennels and Pet Grooming Establishments.

SAO3-FY2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$2,000,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses for snow removal.

CR51-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2016- 2020 for housing including the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consolidated Plan Schedule.

CR52-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301 and 16.200(a) of the Howard County Code, granting a variance for government uses from certain setbacks for the construction of parking spaces, parking access, and sidewalks at

CR68-2015

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that certain realproperty known as the "Flier Building" owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

Final Action: TABLED

CB19-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to incorporate into the Metropolitan District a parcel of real property containing approximately 91.2575 acres owned by Maple Lawn Farms, Inc., located at 11621 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland also known as Parcel 113 on Tax Map 46 for Howard County.

the Howard County Library System Elkridge Branch and 50+ Center to be located along Washington Boulevard, U.S. Route 1.

CR36-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the 2015 Amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, consisting of text, tables, and maps incorporating various revisions based on and including:

1. A determination of future water and sewer system flow projections and infrastructure needs;
2. Changes to the Planned Service Area that have been implemented as amendments to both the General Plan 2000 and through the adoption of PlanHoward 2030;
3. The progress of projects for future water supply and sewerage treatment needs in the county and outside of the county, including improvements to the Baltimore City water supply and expansion of the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment, which are coordinated with Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
4. The review of water and sewer service priorities for properties in the Planned Service Area; and
5. Changes in the anticipated alignment, location, and sizing of future facilities.

PRIOR LEGISLATION

All legislation voted on during the previous month can be found online using the legislative search tool by clicking [here](#).

CR29-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michael Blum, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Final Action: PASSED

CR30-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sylvia Ramsey to the Recreation & Parks Board.

Final Action: PASSED

CB13-2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball

AN ACT allowing the County Executive to extend the time to remove snow from sidewalks during a specified state of emergency; and generally relating to sidewalks in Howard County.

Final Action: PASSED

CR31-2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball

CR33-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Business and Economic Development for economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the projects are consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CB18-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending certain minimum educational and experience requirements for certain positions in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

Final Action: PASSED

CR34-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Environmental Sustainability Board review the various reports commissioned by Howard County Public School System pertaining to mold at Howard County Public Schools and provide a report to the County Council and County Executive making recommendations on addressing environmental concerns, specifically on mold at Howard County Public Schools.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CB14-2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

AN ACT amending the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan provisions for Howard County; amending the amount of time military service may be credited; and generally relating to military service credit for the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

Final Action: PASSED

CB15-2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

AN ACT amending the Subdivision and Development of Land Regulations pertaining to residential infill developments with respect to compatibility, unit types, landscaping, interconnectivity and privacy; and generally relating to residential infill developments.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CB16-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Grant Agreement between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Howard County, Maryland that imposes, in certain circumstances, an indemnification obligation on the County in future fiscal years.

Final Action: PASSED

CR32-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance by Howard County, Maryland, as its limited obligations and not upon its faith and credit or pledge of its taxing power, of up to \$55,000,000 of its bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to Columbia Vantage House Corporation to be used to (1) refund outstanding Howard County, Maryland Retirement Community Revenue Bonds (Vantage House Facility) Series 2007A and B and (2) finance (a) renovations of and capital improvements for a multi-building continuing care retirement community located in Columbia, Maryland and (b) costs of issuance, reserves, capitalized interest and other related costs; reserving certain rights; providing for the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes for such purposes;

County Executive to convey approximately 2.99 acres of certain real property owned by the County commonly known as Tax Map 34, Parcel 200, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcel E to the Highland Reserve Homeowners' Association, Inc.; and waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code.
Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CR35-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a Bicycle Master Plan and a Complete Streets policy for Howard County.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

CB19-2016

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Final Action: TABLED

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3. The progress of projects for future water supply and sewerage treatment needs in the county and outside of the county, including improvements to the Baltimore City water supply and expansion of the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment, which are coordinated with Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
4. The review of water and sewer service priorities for properties in the Planned Service Area; and
5. Changes in the anticipated alignment, location, and sizing of future facilities.

Final Action: TABLED

CB20-2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

AN ACT authorizing additional credits against Watershed Protection and Restoration Fees under specified circumstances; requiring additional information in the annual report; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Final Action: PASSED (as amended)

authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and specifying and describing various matters in connection therewith.
Final Action: PASSED

CB21-2016

Introduced by: Greg Fox

AN ACT requiring that bills for the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee include a statement explaining why the fee continues to be imposed rather than why the fee used to be imposed; requiring that the statement identify the County Council members that voted against repealing the fee or whose votes or actions prevented the repeal of the fee, under certain circumstances; requiring that the statement name the County Executive instead if the Executive vetoed a bill to repeal the fee, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to billing for the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Final Action: REJECTED ON INTRODUCTION

CR38-2016

Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

Final Action: PASSED

CR37-2016

Introduced by: Jon Weinstein

A RESOLUTION amending schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Final Action: PASSED

The Process

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

Upcoming Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD. The next meetings are as follows:

- **Friday, April 29, 2016** at 8:30 am; Budget Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Monday, May 2, 2016** at 7:00 pm; Constant Yield Tax Hearing
- **Monday, May 2, 2016** at 7:30 pm; Legislative Session
- **Wednesday, May 4, 2016** at 7:00 pm; Operating Budget Public Hearing
- **Friday, May 6, 2016** at 8:30 am; Operating Budget Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Monday, May 9, 2016** at 8:30 am; Operating Budget Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room) followed by Legislative Monthly Meeting
- **Friday, May 13, 2016** at 8:30 am; Operating Budget Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room) followed by Capital Budget Public Hearing at 1:00 pm
- **Monday, May 16, 2016** at 7:00 pm; Legislative Public Hearing
- **Wednesday, May 18, 2016** at 8:30 am; Budget Work Session (if needed) (C. Vernon

- **Monday, May 23, 2016** at 8:30 am; Budget Amendment Work Session (C. Vernon Gray Room)
- **Thursday, May 26, 2016** at 10:30 am; Budget Adoption

Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County Delegation Sponsored Legislation

Legislation in this section are bills sponsored by the Howard County Delegation of the General Assembly of Maryland. For details on legislation passed during the 2016 session, go [online](#) or contact **Dan Furman** at 410-841-3360 or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

[HB0650 / SB0609](#)

[Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Vantage House Retirement Community Renovations Ho. Co. 1-16](#)

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Vantage House Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

STATUS: Approved as part of the MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 (Budget Bill). Amended to allocate \$69,000.

[HB0621 / SB0040](#)

[Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion Ho. Co. 2-16](#)

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

STATUS: Approved as part of the MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 (Budget Bill).

[HB0651 / SB0610](#)

[HB1105](#)

[Howard County Public School System - Access to Public Information Ho. Co. 9-16](#)

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain notice provided by the custodian of a public record for the Howard County Public School System be made in writing under penalty of perjury; requiring the custodian to provide written notice to an applicant regarding the right to file a certain complaint with the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; requiring the custodian, under certain circumstances, to petition the Public Access Ombudsman concerning a request to inspect a public record; providing that the custodian may deny inspection of an intra-agency letter or memorandum only after a declaration by a court under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Howard County Public School System and access to public information.

STATUS: In the House: Passed (138-0); In the Senate: Passed (46-0); Signed by the Governor 4/12/16.

[HB0654](#)

[Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses Ho. Co. 10-16](#)

By: Howard County Delegation

For the purpose of requiring an applicant for a certain Class D beer, wine and liquor license to attest to a certain proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for renewal of a certain Class D beer, wine and liquor license to attest to a certain proportion of food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before renewing the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

STATUS: In the House: Passed (138-0); In

Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - South Branch Park Ho. Co. 3-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

STATUS: Approved as part of the MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 (Budget Bill).

HB0652 / SB0611

Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Huntington Park Ho. Co. 4-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

STATUS: Approved as part of the MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 (Budget Bill).

HB0656 / SB0612

Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Solomon's Lodge #121 Ho. Co. 5-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$19,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Solomon's Lodge # 121 A.F. & A.M. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

STATUS: Approved as part of the MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 (Budget Bill). Allocated \$20,000.

HB0653 / SB0613

Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Community Action Council Food Bank Facility Ho. Co. 6-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the

the Senate: Passed (45-0); Awaiting action from Governor.

HB0631

Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability - Howard County Deputy Sheriffs Ho. Co. 11-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which Howard County deputy sheriffs are eligible for enhanced workers' compensation benefits for certain permanent partial disability claims; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to workers' compensation benefits for Howard County deputy sheriffs.

STATUS: In the House: Passed (128-9); In the Senate: Passed (45-0); Awaiting action from Governor.

HB0671

Howard County - Practice of Massage - Regulation Ho. Co. 13-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to the massage establishments and the practices of certain individuals requiring the governing body of Howard County to provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police Department have certain authority to carry out certain provisions of ordinances or regulations; and generally relating to the practice of massage in Howard County.

STATUS: In the House: Passed (136-0); In the Senate: Passed (46-0); Awaiting action from Governor

HB0632

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Luxury Restaurants and Farm Breweries - Licenses Ho. Co. 14-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the number of Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor licenses the Board of License Commissioners may issue for separate premises to an individual or for the use of a partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association in Howard County; altering the maximum number of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses the holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license may hold in Howard County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

STATUS: In the House: Passed (138-0); In the Senate: Passed (46-0); Awaiting action from Governor

HB1090 / SB0670

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Continuing Care Retirement Community License Ho.Co. 15-16

By: Howard County Delegation

Creating in Howard County an exception to the alcoholic beverages license application or

proceeds to be used as a loan to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

STATUS: Approved as part of the MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016 (Budget Bill).

HB0655

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Licenses Ho. Co. 7-16

By: Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of making a Class D (on- and off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license part of certain groups of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County may issue to an individual or for the use of a partnership, a corporation, or an unincorporated association; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

STATUS: In the House: Passed (138-0); In the Senate: Passed (46-0); Signed by the Governor 4/26/16.

renewal requirements for a Class C (continuing care retirement community) beer, wine, and liquor license issued to a nonprofit organization; requiring that the license be applied for and issued to a manager or supervisor and two officers; and allowing residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community that holds the license to consume beer, wine, or liquor not purchased from the community under specified circumstances.

STATUS: In the House (137-0): Passed; In the Senate (46-0): Passed; Approved by Governor 4/12/16



General Assembly of Maryland Legislation

The 436th session of General Assembly has adjourned. It will reconvene on **January 11, 2017** at 12pm. Full text on legislation passed during the General Assembly's session, can be accessed via the website by clicking [here](#).

House Bill 0082

Stormwater Management - Assessment of Local Fees, Charges, and Excise Taxes - Leasehold Interests

Introduced by: Delegate Carr

Requiring a leasehold or other limited interest in property that is owned by the federal government, the State, a county, a municipality, or an agency or instrumentality of the federal government, the State, a county, or a municipality to be assessed a specified stormwater remediation fee, a specified stormwater management charge, or a specified stormwater management excise tax by a county or municipality under specified circumstances.

Status: Not successful

House Bill 0085

Education - Children With Disabilities - Support Services - Parental Notification

Introduced by: Delegate Luedtke

Requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents of a child with a disability written information that the parents may use to contact early intervention and special

House Bill 0664

Foreclosures - Responsibility for Maintenance of Residential Property and Registration Requirement

Introduced by: Delegate Krimm

Establishing that, on and after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, the secured party shall be responsible for maintenance of the property until the foreclosure sale occurs; requiring the secured party to submit a registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry within 30 days after the filing of a foreclosure action on residential property; requiring the registration to be in a specified form and contain specified information; establishing fees; etc.

Status: Not successful

House Bill 0666 (SB0581)

Local Governments - Legal Notice Requirements

Introduced by: Delegate S. Robinson

Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting

education family support services staff members and a brief description of the available services; requiring specified school personnel to provide a translator at a meeting for parents who require information to be translated into the parents' native language; requiring a local school system to publish specified contact information on its Web site; etc.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; Awaiting action from Governor

[House Bill 0086](#)

Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language

Introduced by: Delegate Luedtke

Authorizing the parents of a child with a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan to request the document to be translated into the parents' native language if that language is spoken by more than 1 percent of the student population in the local school system; requiring appropriate school personnel to provide a parent with a translated document within 30 days after the date of the request; and defining specified terms.

Status: In the House - Passed Enrolled

[House Bill 0090](#)

On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Operation and Maintenance Costs - Low-Income Homeowners

Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty

Requiring the Department of the Environment to assist, with money from the Bay Restoration Fund, low-income homeowners with the cost, up to 50%, of 3-year operation and maintenance contracts for on-site sewage disposal systems that utilize nitrogen removal technology; and requiring the Department or a local government to determine applicant eligibility and the amount of assistance to be provided.

Status: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 93

[House Bill 0108](#)

Capital Budget - Construction Projects - Apprenticeship Requirements

Introduced by: Delegate McCray

Requiring a contractor or subcontractor that performs work on a construction project that receives funding from the State capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 or more to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.

Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn

the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be displayed conspicuously and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality; etc.

Status: Not successful

[House Bill 0668 \(SB0584\)](#)

Preschool Development Grants - Expansion Grants - Required State Funding

Introduced by: Delegate Rosenberg

Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget specified funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Returned Passed; Awaiting action from Governor.

[House Bill 0669](#)

Law Enforcement - Body-Worn Cameras - Release of Information to Public

Introduced by: Delegate Conaway

Providing that, unless otherwise ordered by a court, a law enforcement agency that establishes a specified program to use body-worn cameras may keep any data recorded by the camera that is related to an ongoing investigation from being released to the public until after the investigation is closed; providing that, unless otherwise ordered by a court, a law enforcement agency, for a public safety purpose, may keep specified investigative data from being released to the public after an investigation is closed; etc.

Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

[House Bill 0674](#)

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Hearing Board - Final Order

Introduced by: Delegate Cluster

Altering the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights to require that a hearing board issue a final order following a finding of guilt in an administrative hearing rather than provide findings and make recommendations; repealing specified exceptions authorizing a hearing board to issue a final order only under specified circumstances; repealing the requirement that a chief law enforcement officer issue a final order consistent with procedural requirements and within 30 days; etc.

Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn

[House Bill 0681](#)

Vehicle Laws - School Vehicles - Definition

Introduced by: Delegate Lam

Altering the definition of 'school vehicle';

[House Bill 0109](#)

Public Schools - Health and Safety - Food Transparency

Introduced by: Delegate Fennell

Requiring specified local school systems to include specified information relating to items sold a la carte on monthly dining menus; requiring a specified monthly menu to include specified information under specified circumstances; and requiring specified local school systems to create an individual monthly a la carte menu for each school under specified circumstances; etc.

Status: Not successful

[House Bill 0115](#)

Education - Robotics Grant Program - Establishment Introduced by: Delegate Reznik

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools in the State to support and expand existing robotics programs; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

Status: In the House - Passed Enrolled

[House Bill 0136 \(SB0314\)](#)

State Government - Financial Education and Capability Commission - Composition

Introduced by: Delegate Stein

Altering the composition of the Financial Education and Capability Commission to include one representative of a nonprofit organization in the State that provides financial assistance and free financial education to State residents for postsecondary education.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Returned Passed; Awaiting action from Governor

[House Bill 0141](#)

Education - Education Accountability Program - Limits on Testing

Introduced by: Delegate Luedtke

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations limiting the amount of time in the aggregate that may be devoted to federal, State, and locally mandated tests for each grade to 2% of the specified minimum required annual instructional hours; and prohibiting time devoted to teacher-selected classroom quizzes and exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments from being counted toward the specified testing time limits.

Status: Not successful

[House Bill 0144 \(SB0337\)](#)

Libraries - Regional, State, and County - Funding

establishing that a school vehicle includes specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, and are used only for transporting children to and from a Head Start program.

Status: Not successful

[House Bill 1571](#)

Property Tax Credit - Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Acquisition of Dwelling

Introduced by: Delegate Shoemaker

Increasing from 2 years to 10 years the number of years within which a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker must have acquired specified residential property in order to qualify for a specified property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

Status: Not Successful

[House Bill 1579](#)

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Hearing Board

Introduced by: Delegate Anderson

Repealing the provision allowing an alternative method for the formation of a hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights when the alternative method has been agreed to in a specified exclusive collective bargaining agreement; repealing the provision under which findings of fact and the penalty determination of a hearing board are final when agreed to through exclusive collective bargaining; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

Status: Not successful

[House Bill 1599](#)

Real Property - Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems

Introduced by: Delegate Brooks

Authorizing specified restrictions on use regarding land use to prohibit the installation of a solar collector system on the land, not including improvements to the land, of residential real property.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0057 \(HB0031\)](#)

Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2016

Introduced by: Senator Ramirez

Prohibiting a store from distributing plastic disposable carryout bags free of charge to a customer at the point of sale; requiring a store to charge and collect a 10-cent fee for each paper disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; authorizing the store to pay a customer a credit of at least 5 cents for each bag provided by the customer; requiring a store to remit to the Comptroller the money retained by the store for specified purposes; establishing a maximum penalty of \$100 for a

Introduced by: Delegate Hixson

Altering the calculation of specified funding for each participating regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public library system for specified fiscal years.

Status: In the House - Favorable with Amendments Report by Ways and Means; In the Senate - Returned Passed

[House Bill 0290](#)

Labor and Employment - Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program - Establishment

Introduced by: Delegate McCray

Altering and renaming the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program to establish the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program; altering the purpose and method for administering the Program; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to administer the Program; establishing specified standards under which specified employers may be eligible to receive grants; etc.

Status: In the House - Passed Enrolled

[House Bill 0387](#)

Clean Energy Loan Program - Residential Property - Repayment of Loans Through Surcharge

Introduced by: Delegate Barkley

Authorizing a county or municipality to collect specified loan payments for a loan to specified owners of residential property under the Clean Energy Loan Program, and specified costs, through a surcharge on the property owner's property tax bill; authorizing a private lender to provide capital for a loan provided to a residential property owner under the program; requiring that specified provisions relating to liens apply to the liens created under the Act; etc.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed.

[House Bill 0412](#)

Education - Administration of Assessments - Provision of Information

Introduced by: Delegate Kaiser

Requiring each county board of education to provide information relating to each assessment administered in a local school system that includes the title, purpose, grade level tested, subject area, testing window, time to complete, loss of instruction time, and accommodations for students with special needs; requiring this information to be updated annually, posted online, and included in the county board's comprehensive master plan updates; etc.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed

[House Bill 0413](#)

Open Meetings Act - Minutes - Video and Audio Streaming

Introduced by: Delegate Carr

Providing that a public body need not prepare

violation of the Act; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0155](#)

Public Bodies - Use and Retention of E-Mail - Requirements

Introduced by: Senator Reilly

Prohibiting an employee of a public body from creating or maintaining government e-mail by using a personal e-mail account; requiring an employee of a public body, under specified circumstances, to forward government e-mail to the official e-mail account of the employee within 5 days after the government e-mail is received; requiring each public body to retain government e-mail for a minimum of 7 years or, under specified circumstances, permanently; requiring the State Archivist to adopt specified regulations; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0166 \(HB0243\)](#)

Land Use Actions - Legislative Bodies - Judicial Review

Introduced by: Senator Conway

Authorizing a specified person, who has been aggrieved by a land use decision, who is a taxpayer, or is an officer or unit of a local jurisdiction, to file a request for judicial review by a circuit court of a land use action of a legislative body; specifying persons that have standing to bring and maintain a specified action in a circuit court to allow judicial review of a land use action of a legislative body; and applying a provision of law to a charter county and to Baltimore City.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0182 \(HB0849\)](#)

Public Safety - Rental Dwelling Units - Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Introduced by: Senator Mathias

Altering specified requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to rental dwelling units; requiring specified rental dwelling units, on or after April 1, 2018, to have a specified carbon monoxide alarm installed in a specified manner, subject to a specified exception; etc.

Status: In the House - Passed Enrolled; In the Senate - Passed Enrolled; Awaiting action from Governor

[State Bill 0183](#)

School Vehicles - Seat Belts - Requirements

Introduced by: Senator Brochin

Prohibiting specified persons from allowing pupils to stand in a school vehicle while the school vehicle is in motion; requiring school vehicles in the State to be equipped with seat belts; prohibiting a person from operating a specified school vehicle unless the person and each occupant under 16 years old are restrained by a seat belt; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

Status: Not Successful

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Status: In the House - Returned Passed

[House Bill 0428](#)

Property Tax - Interest on Refunds

Introduced by: Delegate Sophcleus

Altering the rate of interest at which specified money is required to be refunded to a taxpayer on a final determination of an appeal concerning a county or municipal corporation property tax or taxing district property tax to equal the rate of interest equivalent to the historical rate of return for the county or municipal corporation, as certified by the State Treasurer.

Status: Not Successful

[House Bill 0429](#)

Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy

Introduced by: Delegate Patterson

Establishing the Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to habitual student truancy; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; Awaiting action from Governor.

[House Bill 0430](#)

Education - Student Data Privacy Council

Introduced by: Delegate Kaiser

Establishing the Student Data Privacy Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015; requiring the Council to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.

Status: Not Successful

[House Bill 0435](#)

Electric Companies - Vegetation Management - Local Law, Rule,

[State Bill 0190 \(HB0150\)](#)

Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2017)

Introduced by: The President

AN ACT for the purpose of making the proposed appropriations contained in the State 4 Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III, 5 Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; and generally relating to appropriations 6 and budgetary provisions made pursuant to that section.

Status: Enacted under Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution Assigned a chapter number - Chapter 143

[State Bill 0191 \(HB151\)](#)

Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015

Introduced by: The President

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,002,385,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

Status: Enacted under Article II, Section 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution - Chapter 27

[State Bill 0224 \(HB 0039\)](#)

Education - Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours - Establishment

Introduced by: Senator Simonaire

Establishing the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification within the State Department of Education beginning in the 2017-2018 school year; providing that the purpose of the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification is to recognize local school systems that create, implement, and enforce school start times that are consistent with the school start times recommended by the Department, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the American Academy of Pediatrics; etc.

Status: In the House - Rereferred to Ways and Means; In the House - Passed Enrolled

[State Bill 0261 \(HB 0225\)](#)

Election Law - Write-in Candidates

Introduced by: Senator Kelley

Providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office in a primary election is not eligible to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election; and providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office at a primary election may not be a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election.

Regulation, or Other Action

Introduced by: Delegate Tarlau

Repealing a prohibition against a county or municipal corporation taking specified actions that interfere with, or materially increase costs of, compliance with specified vegetation management standards under specified circumstances; requiring an electric company to attempt to work out a specified agreement with a county or municipal corporation to mitigate the impact of a local law, rule, regulation, or other action on efforts to comply with specified other vegetation management standards; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0436 (SB0468)

Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal

Introduced by: Delegate Miller, W.

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce traffic control signal laws; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0442 (SB0303)

Counties - Transportation Adequate Public Facility Law - State Highway Intersection

Introduced by: Delegate Bromwell

Prohibiting a county from amending or repealing a transportation adequate public facility law in effect on January 1, 2016; requiring that the level of traffic congestion at a State highway intersection be determined by the State Highway Administration for the purpose of determining whether development is allowed under a county transportation adequate public facility law.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0450 (SB0386)

Tax Credits - Manufacturing Empowerment Zones

Introduced by: Speaker

Establishing the Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities within the State; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to designate specified areas of the State as manufacturing empowerment zones; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to grant specified property tax credits; authorizing specified business entities to claim a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0464 (SB0376)

Pathways in Technology Early College

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0267

Public Schools - Voluntary Nonsectarian Prayer at School-Sponsored Student Events

Introduced by: Senator Salling

Requiring specified county boards of education to allow nonsectarian student-initiated voluntary prayer during mandatory and voluntary school-sponsored student events; providing that the Act does not diminish specified rights of specified individuals relating to free speech and the free exercise of religion; providing that the exercise of specified rights may not be construed as a specified support, approval, or sanction of the contents of a specified prayer; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0269

Education - Public School Holidays - Veterans' Day

Introduced by: Senator Salling

Requiring Veterans' Day to be a public school holiday.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0395

Ethics - Local Government - Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure

Introduced by: Senator Conway

Requiring that specified authorized modifications of local conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws and regulations be made in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Ethics Commission and consistent with specified intent; and authorizing rather than requiring a county or municipal corporation to modify specified local financial disclosure laws under specified circumstances.

Status: In the Senate - Returned Passed

State Bill 0406

Public Safety - Maryland Freestate ChalleNGe Academy - Funding

Introduced by: Senator Guzzone

Requiring the Governor to appropriate general funds to the Maryland Freestate ChalleNGe Academy in an amount equal to 25% of a specified target per pupil foundation amount for specified cadets beginning in fiscal year 2018; requiring a county board of education to reimburse a specified fund a specified amount for specified cadets; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Military Department and the State Department of Education, to establish a specified process; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0407 (HB0141)

Education - Education Accountability Program - Limits on Testing

Introduced by: Senator Manno

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations limiting the amount of time in

High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2016

Introduced by: Speaker

Establishing a specified number of Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools in the State; requiring the State to provide a specified grant to P-TECH schools beginning in a specified fiscal year for specified costs; providing that the grant may not exceed a specified amount in specified fiscal years; requiring a county board to pay for dual enrollment costs for P-TECH students; etc.

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means); In the Senate - Returned Passed

House Bill 0545

Landlord and Tenant - Water and Wastewater Charges - Prohibition on Ratio Utility Billing Systems

Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty

Prohibiting a landlord on or after January 1, 2017, from using a ratio utility billing system to charge a tenant for the cost of water and wastewater utilities; imposing specified limits on charges for water and wastewater utilities if a landlord charges a tenant separately for utilities; providing that a landlord that violates the Act is liable for the greater of the total amount of all damages proximately caused by the violation or \$1,000 per violation plus reasonable attorney's fees; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0550 (SB0410)

Distillery License Holders - Sale of Product to Participants in Guided Tours

Introduced by: Delegate Clippinger

Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder to selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; Approved by the Governor - Chapter 68

House Bill 0551

Education - Children With Disabilities - Individualized Education Program Mediation

Introduced by: Delegate Kaiser

Requiring specified individualized education program teams to provide specified parents of a child with a disability with a specified oral and written explanation of the parent's right to request mediation, specified contact information, including a telephone number, and specified information regarding pro bono representation; and requiring the State Department of Education to make a staff member available to assist specified parents in understanding specified mediation processes; etc.

Status: In the House - Passed Enrolled

House Bill 0580 (SB0472)

the aggregate that may be devoted to federal, State, and locally mandated tests for each grade to 2% of the specified minimum required annual instructional hours; and prohibiting time devoted to teacher-selected classroom quizzes and exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments from being counted toward the specified testing time limits.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0410

Distillery License Holders - Sale of Product to Participants in Guided Tours

Introduced by: Senator Ferguson

Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.

Status: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 68

State Bill 0459

Campaign Finance - Ballot Issue Committees - Prospective Questions

Introduced by: Senator Conway

Altering specified campaign finance law definitions to include campaign finance activity relating to prospective questions to be placed on the ballot; prohibiting a chief election official from certifying a petition if the petition sponsor fails to provide proof of filing a specified campaign finance report; repealing specified requirements that a statement of contributions and expenditures for a petition be filed at the time the petition is filed; etc.

Status: In the Senate - Returned Passed

State Bill 0461

Education - Prekindergarten Students - Funding

Introduced by: Senator Conway

Establishing specified funding for prekindergarten students by altering the definition of full-time equivalent enrollment to include prekindergarten students in the number of students enrolled for purposes of calculating specified State aid formulas for education.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0464

Higher Education - College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students - Establishment

Introduced by: Senator Madaleno

Establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students; requiring the Program to provide information on the college admissions process to eligible students free of charge, collaborate with a specified nonprofit entity to identify specified students and to make the students' contact information available to specified institutions of higher education, develop and implement a specified system to provide

**Labor and Employment - Maryland
Healthy Working Families Act
Introduced by: Delegate Clippinger**

Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0589

**Office of the Public Defender -
Representation at Bail Hearing -
Provisional**

Introduced by: Delegate Vallario

Establishing that the representation provided by the Office of the Public Defender to an indigent individual at a bail hearing before a District Court or circuit court judge shall be limited solely to the bail hearing and shall terminate automatically at the conclusion of the hearing; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0604 (SB0291)

**Public Health - Mobile Food Service
Facilities - Licensing and Inspection by
Counties**

Introduced by: Delegate W. Miller

Prohibiting, under specified circumstances, a county from requiring a mobile food service facility to obtain a license from the county in order to operate in the county; authorizing a county to inspect a mobile food service facility that is operating in the county; requiring, under specified circumstances, a county to forward the result of a specified inspection to the county that licenses a specified mobile food service facility; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0616

**Alcoholic Beverages - Class 1 Distillery
Licenses**

Introduced by: Delegate Barkley

Allowing the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to establish and operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, blending, and bottling, at the location described in the license specified alcoholic beverages; allowing the license holder to acquire alcoholic beverages from a holder of any manufacturer's license, wholesaler's license, or a holder of a nonresident dealer's permit for use in manufacturing; reducing the annual license fee from \$2,000 to \$1,000; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0619

**Law Enforcement Officer - Misdemeanor
- Hearing and Emergency Suspension**

specified institutions of higher education with access to a specified student contact list; etc.
Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0465

**Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for
Disabled Individuals - Requirements**

Introduced by: Senator Madaleno

Repealing the requirement that any student financial aid, other than a student loan, received by a specified disabled student must be applied first to pay the student's tuition prior to receiving an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0468 (HB0436)

**Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work
Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control
Signal Monitoring Systems - Repeal**

Introduced by: Senator Hough

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce traffic control signal laws; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0472 (HB0580)

**Labor and Employment - Maryland
Healthy Working Families Act**

Introduced by: Senator Pugh

Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0493

**Teacher Induction, Retention, and
Advancement Act of 2016**

Introduced by: Senator Pinsky

Increasing to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a State matching stipend awarded to certificated public school employees who teach in public schools that have comprehensive needs; establishing the Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Program; requiring first-year teachers who participate in the Program to be afforded at least 20% more time for mentoring, peer observation, assistance with planning, or other preparation activities under the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to submit specified reports; etc. **Status:** In the Senate - Passed Enrolled

Introduced by: Delegate Anderson

Providing that a law enforcement officer who has been convicted of a misdemeanor with a potential for more than 1 year imprisonment is not entitled to a specified hearing on specified issues by a hearing board; and providing that, if a law enforcement officer is charged with a misdemeanor with a potential for more than 1 year imprisonment, the chief may impose an emergency suspension of police powers without pay.

Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

House Bill 0620

Elementary and Secondary Education - Required Number of School Days - Repeal

Introduced by: Delegate Adams

Repealing the requirement that specified public schools be open for at least 180 days during a 10-month period in each school year; requiring the State Board of Education to grant a waiver from compliance with the minimum number of school hours requirement for a county board of education that submits to the State board specified evidence of a specified collective bargaining agreement; providing that a specified waiver is effective only for the term of the collective bargaining agreement; etc. Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

House Bill 0621 (SB0040)

Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion Ho. Co. 2-16 Introduced by: Howard County Delegation

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Environmental Education Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0626

Education - Public School Holidays - Veterans' Day

Introduced by: Delegate C. Wilson

Requiring Veterans' Day to be a public school holiday.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0629

Criminal Law - Law Enforcement Officers - Misconduct

Introduced by: Delegate Moon

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from intentionally disabling video or audio recording devices in violation of specified policies; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from

State Bill 0494

State Department of Education - Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs - Reporting System and Report (School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)

Introduced by: Senator Nathan-Pulliam

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and other stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community-partnered school behavioral health services programs; requiring the Department to report on or before December 1, 2017 and every 2 years thereafter, to the Governor and General Assembly on the effectiveness of community-partnered school behavioral health services programs; etc.

Status: In the Senate - Returned Passed

State Bill 0503

Education - Online Instructional Program for Financial Literacy

Introduced by: Senator Klausmeier

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Financial Literacy Education Advisory Council, to develop and implement an online instructional program that provides a financial literacy curriculum for high school students; requiring students to demonstrate competency in managing money, managing credit and debt, saving and investing, and financial planning for successful completion of the program; requiring the program to be available beginning in the 2017-2018 school year for voluntary participation; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0528 (HB0250)

General Provisions - Open Meetings Act - Required Training and Certificate of Compliance

Introduced by: Senator Bates

Expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring that specified individuals complete specified training within a specified time period; requiring each new and returning member of the General Assembly to take specified training; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide specified in-person training on or before the 10th day of the first regular session of each legislative term; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0529

Open Meetings Act - Requirements for Providing Agendas

Introduced by: Senator Bates

Requiring a public body to provide an agenda containing all available information regarding matters to be discussed at the open portion of

causing injury to a person in the law enforcement officer's custody by intentionally failing to request medical assistance for the person; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from causing injury to a person by discharging a firearm in violation of specified policies; establishing specified penalties for specified violations of the Act; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[House Bill 0633](#)

Education - Teacher and Principal Evaluations - Revisions to Requirements Introduced by: Delegate Ebersole

Altering the requirements for the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education that establish the general standards for performance evaluations for specified teachers and principals; repealing the requirement that specified regulations regarding teacher and principal performance evaluations include default model performance evaluation criteria; repealing the requirement for performance evaluation criteria to include student growth data as a specified component of the evaluation; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[House Bill 0637](#)

Local Government Tort Claims Act - Notice Requirement - Exception Introduced by: Delegate Smith

Providing a specified exception to a specified notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

Status: In the Senate - Passed Enrolled

[House Bill 0645](#)

Election Law - Change in Administrative Policy Affecting Voting Rights - Notice and Judicial Review

Introduced by: Delegate Rosenberg

Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections that adopts a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights to provide specified public notice of the change; providing for the form, content, and timing of the public notice; providing that an individual's right to vote may not be denied or abridged because the individual failed to comply with a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights if the State Board or local board did not provide public notice of the change; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[House Bill 0649](#)

Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Extension of Time for Review and Final Order by Chief

Introduced by: Delegate Anderson

Extending from 30 days to 60 days the period of time that a chief of a law enforcement agency has to review the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of a hearing board and issue a final order under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

a meeting and whether a portion of the meeting may be closed; requiring an agenda to be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting under specified circumstances; providing that specified information does not need to be included on the agenda; and authorizing methods by which a public body may provide the agenda.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0533 \(HB0412\)](#)

Education - Administration of Assessments - Provision of Information Introduced by: Senator Pinsky

Requiring each county board of education to provide information relating to each assessment administered in a local school system that includes the title, purpose, grade level or subject area tested, testing window, and accommodations for students with special needs; requiring this information to be updated annually, posted online, and included in the county board's comprehensive master plan updates; etc.

Status: Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Returned Passed

[State Bill 0560](#)

One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones

Introduced by: Senator Ferguson

Altering specified eligibility criteria for specified credits under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit to include specified persons who establish or expand a business facility located in specified areas that, for business incubators, creates a specified aggregate number of qualified positions at the facility under specified circumstances; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0569](#)

Methadone Treatment Facilities - Location - Limitations

Introduced by: Senator Gladden

Prohibiting a methadone treatment facility from being established or operated within 500 feet of specified schools, child care centers, or agencies unless the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene receives a letter of support for the location of the facility from specified schools, child care centers, and agencies; etc.

Status: Not Successful

[State Bill 0575](#)

County Boards of Education - Limit on Liability

Introduced by: Senator Ramirez

Increasing to \$400,000 per claim the limit on liability of a county board of education; increasing to \$400,000 per occurrence the minimum amount of liability coverage that a county board must maintain and for which the State Board of Education must establish

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0657

Education - Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments - Administration

Introduced by: Delegate Shoemaker

Requiring a specified statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to a random sample of specified kindergarten students from within specified local school systems in the State; authorizing a specified kindergarten assessment to evaluate specified skills; prohibiting specified standardized tests from being administered to specified prekindergarten students; and requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations.

Status: In the Senate - Passed Enrolled

House Bill 0661

Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Firearm Cameras

Introduced by: Delegate Conaway

Authorizing a law enforcement officer to use a specified firearm camera, a device attached to a firearm that is capable of recording video and intercepting oral communications, to intercept a specified oral communication under specified circumstances.

Status: Not Successful

House Bill 0663 (SB0580)

Constitution - Local Government - Legal Notices

Introduced by: Delegate S. Robinson

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution allowing a charter county to publish specified notices of county legislation in a manner specified by the General Assembly; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

Status: Not successful

standards; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

Status: In the Senate - Returned Passed

State Bill 0580 (HB0663)

Constitution - Local Government - Legal Notices

Introduced by: Senator King

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution allowing a charter county to publish specified notices of county legislation in a manner specified by the General Assembly; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0581 (HB0666)

Local Governments - Legal Notice Requirements

Introduced by: Senator King

Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be displayed conspicuously and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 0582 (HB0115)

Education - Robotics Grant Program - Establishment

Introduced by: Senator King

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools in the State to support and expand existing robotics programs; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

Status: In the Senate - Returned Passed; In the House - Passed Enrolled; Awaiting action from Governor

State Bill 0584 (HB0668)

Preschool Development Grants - Expansion Grants - Required State Funding

Introduced by: Senator King

Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget specified funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Returned Passed; Awaiting action from Governor

State Bill 1024

Income Tax - Interest Rate - Wynne Case

Introduced by: Senator Serafini

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller set the annual interest rate on income tax refunds that result from the decision under Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Brian Wynne at a specified amount; requiring the Comptroller to pay additional interest amounts to taxpayers that received income tax refunds with interest calculated using a specified interest rate; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 1041

Education - Digital Equity for All Act

Introduced by: Senator Rosapepe

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop and adopt specified infrastructure standards on or before December 1, 2016; requiring specified local school systems to meet specified infrastructure standards and implement and consider specified policies related to specified digital devices for specified purposes on or before December 1, 2019; establishing the Digital Equity for All Grant Program and providing for the purpose and duration of the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program; etc.

Status: Not Successful

State Bill 1097

Local Government Tort Claims Act -

Regional Development Councils

Introduced by: Senator Mathias

Altering the definition of a "local government" under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include specified regional development councils; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

Status: In the House - Passed Enrolled

State Bill 1100 (HB0677)

Family Law - Child Support - Age of

Majority - Postsecondary Education

Introduced by: Senator Gladden

Providing that an individual who has attained the age of 18 years and is enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit in an institution of postsecondary education has the right to receive support and maintenance from both of the individual's parents until the individual dies, marries, is emancipated, graduates from or is no longer enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit in an institution of postsecondary education, or attains the age of 22 years.

Status: Not Successful

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

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